

NCLB Title IIA Overview
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Private Non-Public Schools, 2009-2010

Title IIA – Improving Teacher Quality – allocations are to be utilized to increase the academic achievement of all students by helping schools improve teacher and principal quality. Activities carried out for private school personnel must be based on a review of scientifically based research. Only those workshops, conferences, and degree programs and university courses that meet federal requirements as outlined by the NCLB Title IIA guidelines will be approved through Mind Streams.

Eligible professional development activities may include:

- Improving and increasing educators’ knowledge of core academic subjects and of effective instructional strategies
- Training in effectively integrating technology into curricula and instruction
- Training in how to teach students with different needs, including students with disabilities or limited English proficiency, and gifted and talented students
- Training in methods of improving student behavior, identifying early and appropriate interventions, and involving parents more effectively in their children’s education
- Training in the use of data and assessments to improve instruction and student outcomes
- Leadership development and management training to improve the quality of principals and superintendents

20% PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATIONS

Schools cannot exceed their individual 20% Professional Development allocation prior to February 15, 2010. After February 15 any uncommitted funds will be pooled and utilized to meet the priority needs of all schools within the Mind Streams contract. Principals will be provided quarterly budget reports.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sept. 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 | HISD contract period (estimated) |
| Feb. 15, 2010 | Uncommitted funds pooled |
| May 31, 2010 | Deadline to submit requests for 2009-10 professional development services |
| July 10, 2010 | Deadline to submit 2009-10 requests for reimbursements |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHERE CAN I LOCATE REQUEST AND REIMBURSEMENT DOCUMENTS?

A: All request and reimbursement documents are available at www.4aplus.com/forms.

Q: HOW CAN I TRACK WHAT MY SCHOOL IS SPENDING?

A: Quarterly budget reports will be sent to the principal. Principals can also request an updated accounting by contacting Mind Streams at (866) 822-8234.

Q: WHY CAN'T SCHOOLS PAY THE WORKSHOP OR COURSE REGISTRATION FEES FOR TEACHERS AND THEN SEEK REIMBURSEMENT?

A: Federal guidelines prohibit direct payment of federal funds to the private non-public schools. Reimbursement must be made directly to the private school educators who received the professional development service. Documentation submitted when requesting reimbursement should show payment by the individual.